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TAGS: PGOV PINR PINS PNAT PTER TU IZ
SUBJECT: STATE MINISTER WAILI TO MEET WITH TURKEY'S PKK
COORDINATOR

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Daniel V. Speckhard for reasons
1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Summary: Minister of State for National Security
Shirwan Kamil Sibti al-Waili wants help outfitting his
ministry, which focuses on domestic intelligence.  He said he
was looking forward to meeting Turkey's PKK Envoy during his
November 16-17 trip to Ankara with PM Maliki (septel).  Waili
still has not met Iraq's deputy PKK envoy, KRG Interior
Minister Sinjari, but they have arranged to meet in Makhmour
sometime in the near future.  End Summary.

¶2. (C) Minister Waili appealed to acting PolMilCouns on
November 13 for an Embassy advisor to help strengthen his
ministry.  Waili explained that his ministry was an
intelligence organization focused on domestic and regional
security issues.  When asked what kind of support he wanted
from the US, he said "arms, vehicles, equipment, training...,
things that any intelligence organization requires."
(Comment: Waili has made this request in the past, both to
EmbOffs and MNF-I.  At this point, it is not clear what role
the state ministry plays within the GOI, so we are proceeding
cautiously and have not provided a ministerial advisor or
material support.  End comment.)

¶3. (C) As Iraq's special envoy on countering the PKK, Waili
said he planned to meet with his Turkish counterpart, GEN
(ret.) Edip Baser during his November 16-17 trip to Turkey
with PM Maliki.  Waili also said he still has not met KRG
Interior Minister Sinjari, his deputy on the PKK issue.  He
added, however, that the two had spoken on the phone and had
arranged to meet sometime in the near future in Makhmour.
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